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Finance Committee Minutes 06-10-2002

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING
 7:30 PM Town hall hearing room
 6/10/02

ATTENDEES:

Janowitz*	Feinleib*	Kocur*	O'Neill	Mahoney
DeCoursey	Connors*	Simmons*	Morrisette*	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst*	Ronan*	
Piandes*	Franclemont*		Olsen	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*	Tosi	Kneeland*

* Indicates present

VISITORS: Town Manager Phil Farrington, Town Counsel John Maher, Selectman Diane Mahon

ARTICLE 62 AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE LAND: As previously stated by the Planning Department, these small parcels which are needed to complete the Reeds Brook project are not expected to cost the Town. VOTED to acquire these parcels for \$0. Unanimous.

BUDGET 5 COMPTROLLER: The Finance Subcommittee (Foskett) explained the resolution of the Webmaster position. It will be a full-time position paid partly by the schools and partly from this budget. VOTED to support the budget as printed in the Finance Committee Report. Unanimous.

ARTICLE 43 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING/LIBRARY: Farrington, using a handout, recommended a 3% increase based on agreement with the library union. This group has also agreed to increased health insurance co-payments (office visits and medicine). In addition this union will have the same funeral leave privilege as the other unions. This will cost \$17,000 funded from last years appropriation.

ARTICLE 42 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING/NAGE: Farrington stated that agreement had been reached with this union on the same basis as the librarians. This will cost \$41,000 funded from last years appropriation. In response to a question, Maher explained that since the health insurance is a separate budget, the School Committee does not negotiate health insurance with the teachers. He is hoping to represent the Town on this matter during the upcoming negotiations with teachers. VOTED to support the Managers recommendations on both articles. Unanimous.

ARTICLE 64 ATHLETIC FACILITY: Farrington stated that the Superintendent will request the Town Meeting to approve private fund-raising for a hockey rink. He believes a second rink could also be self-supporting. Finance Committee members voiced doubt. Maher said that if a facility of some kind is not built, the Town will lose \$2.7 million pledged for this purpose by the companies paying for the Peirce Field cleanup.

ARTICLE 52 CAPITAL PROJECTS: The Capital Planning Committee (Foskett) provided a revised and reduced budget. The primary changes were to postpone the Locke Playground and to fund Robbins Farm instead. Also the Park Circle Fire Station plans (\$220,000) would be done before the Central Fire Station plans (\$460,000). VOTED to support the CPC recommendation. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS: Annual dinner will be Monday 6/24 in the Robbins House at 6:30 PM.

RESERVE FUND BALANCE \$71,380

Peter B. Howard, secretary